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1. SEVERAL MAJOR STORIES FEBRUARY 17 ORIGINATE IN JAPAN. JSDF OFFICIALS, RESPONDING TO DIET INTERPELLATION BY JSP MEMBERS, STATE THAT USFJ WILL TAKE PART IN TEAM SPIRIT '78. YOMIURI QUOTES WESTPAC AS CONFIRMING USFJ PARTICIPATION BUT DECLINING TO IDENTIFY UNITS; YOMIURI PREDICTS 313TH AIR DIV. AND 3RD USMC DIV. (OKINAWA) AND 1ST MARINE AIR WING (IWAKUNI). IN SAME DIET SESSION, DIRECTOR OF JSDF DEFENSE BUREAU SAYS THAT JSDF AND USFJ ARE "PREPARING A PLAN FOR JOINT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS, COMPRISING EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE AND A SYSTEM FOR REAR-AREA SUPPORT". THE PLAN WOULD BE READY BY SUMMER '78.

2. HAPTONG QUOTES DIRECTOR OF JSDF DESCRIBING PURCHASE  
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OF F-15'S AND P3C ORIONS AS "A COMPENSATORY STEP TAKEN BY JAPAN IN RESPONSE TO KOREAN WITHDRAWAL", ADDING THAT, IN MAKING SUCH MAJOR DEFENSE DECISIONS, "U.S. VIEWS ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BUT ARE NOT THE DETERMINING FACTOR".

3. CHOSEN SOREN, PRO-PYONGYANG KOREAN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION IN JAPAN, BREAKS SILENCE ON KIM JONG-IL

ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT STORY BY LODGING A FORMAL COMPLAINT WITH ASAHI PUBLISHING CO. THAT THE ENTIRE ACCOUNT IS "GROUNDLESS RUMOR".

4. KYONGHYANG SINMUN REPORTS JAPANESE FOMIN SONODA AS SAYING JAPAN WILL SOON "BEGIN TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF OFFICIAL, INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH NORTH KOREA", IN VIEW OF "INDICATIONS THAT N.K. MAY CHANGE ITS ATTITUDE TOWARDS JAPAN", ADDING, "THE U.S., TOO, OBVIOUSLY HAS A MIND TO OPEN CONTACTS WITH PYONGYANG IF THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES". GOJ MOFA DIRECTOR FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS IS QUOTED AS EXPLAINING MOTIVE: PROTECTION OF JAPANESE FISHERMEN WITHIN NORTH KOREAN 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE.

5. CHUNGANG ILBO AND KYONGHYANG ILBO REPORT "U.S. DECISION TO DEVELOP HORROR WEAPONS" (CHUNGANG'S HEADLINE), SAYING DOD HAS ASKED CONGRESS FOR \$44.4 BILLION TO DEVELOP LASER-GUIDED MISSILES AND "OTHER WEAPONRY TO HORRIBLE THAT THEIR VERY EXISTENCE COULD STRONGLY DETER WAR".

6. IN DOMESTIC NEWS, OFFICIAL SEOUL SINMUN REPORTS THAT GOVERNING PARTY INTENDS TO CLARIFY ROKG POSITION ON THE PTS CASE DURING INTERPELLATIONS IN THE APPROACHING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION, STRESSING REJECTION OF DEMANDS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY "BY (EX-) AMBASSADOR KIM DONG JO AND OTHERS.

7. ALL PAPERS REPORT ISRAELI DECISION TO CLOSE EMBASSY IN SEOUL, ALTHOUGH MOST CITE ONLY BUDGETARY MOTIVES. ONLY DONG-A ILBO QUOTES ISRAELI PROTEST AGAINST SEOUL'S "PRO-ARAB DIPLOMACY", INCLUDING REFUSAL TO OPEN EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV. SEPTTEL WILL DISCUSS CLOSURE IN MORE DETAIL.  
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